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Subject: Idea for the William T. Grant Foundation Grant Application due August 1

Attachments: William T. Grant 2018-Research-Grants-Application-Guide.pdf

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All,

I have an idea for an application to the WTG Foundation for a "Major Research Grant" in the "Improving the Use of Research Evidence" category (max award \$1 million; funding period 2-4 years).

The RFP is attached. See specifically, pages 8-10, 14, 19-20, 23-24. Application requires a Letter of Inquiry (5 page maximum) due August 1.

Recipient must be a non-profit.

I think we should propose a project related to the Youth Assessment Center. We should propose to use grant funds to develop and implement programs and services that are "evidence-based." This would entail having the grant recipient (probably Shelby County Government) use funds to provide training on evidence-based practices and how to develop and implement programming that reflect those practices. Funding would be enough to cover the implementation of at least 1 promising evidence-based program including staff. I also would suggest that we try to integrate some sort of RCT within this application (they indicate these types of studies are awarded higher amounts). Something along the lines of randomly assigning some YAC participants to have a mentor and others to not. Along the 4-years, we would be able to test the impact of the evidence-based strategies that are developed and implemented.

Thoughts?

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